

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 19-24 are canceled with this amendment.  
Examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Claims 1-24 were subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows: Group I (claims 1-18) directed to a method, and Group II (claims 19-24) directed to an apparatus or product. ***Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18) with traverse.***

**II. CONCLUSION**

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 01-0365, FASP101US.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: September 2, 2005

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